

Robinson's Is The Store That Sells Wooltex in This City and County



We take pleasure in announcing that we have the exclusive agency in this city and county for the well-known Wooltex coats, suits and skirts for women and young women.

These garments are noted for their refined and distinctive style which has given them the first place in American fashions.

The Wooltex organization maintains an exclusive Fashion Bureau in Paris, which is presided over by Madame Savarie, the well-known authority on dress. She cables and mails to the Wooltex designers the latest style news from Paris and other fashion centers of Europe.

Madame Savarie personally selects special models from Paquin, Drecoll, Francis, Calot Soeurs and other famous French tailors. These are shipped to the Wooltex factory. With this style information and all these original French models, the designers of Wooltex garments are able to present styles that have all the grace of Paris and the practicability of America.

Special care is given by the Wooltex makers to the designing of styles for smaller

women, and women who are extra tall or stout.

All fabrics used are pure wool cloths thoroughly sponged and shrunk before making. The linings are of excellent quality silk or satin.

The finishings are marked by the extreme care which one looks for in custom-made clothes.

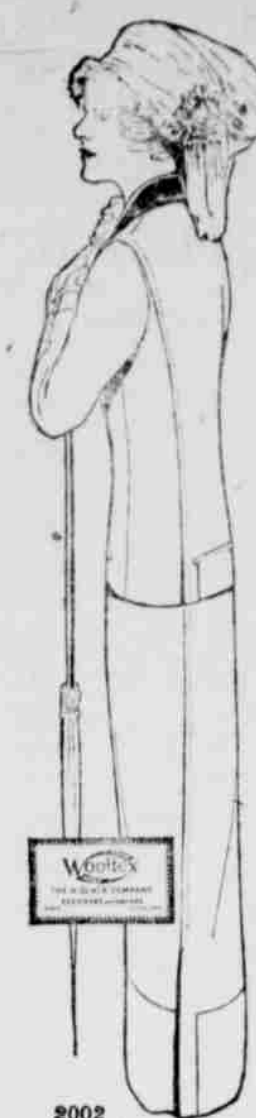
Wooltex garments are guaranteed to give two seasons' satisfactory service—a proof

of their goodness.

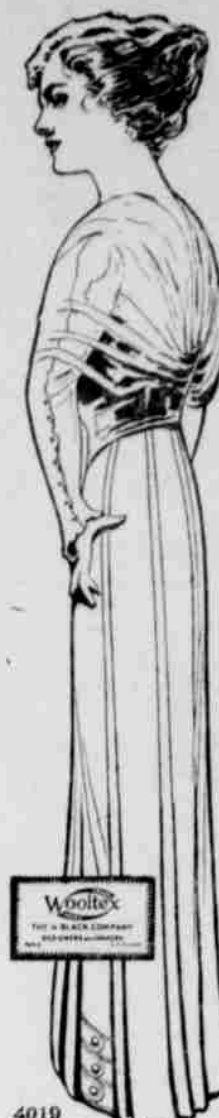
The materials are of such high quality and the tailoring so well done that Wooltex clothes keep their shape through two full seasons.

Our assortment of these beautiful garments is now complete.

You are cordially invited to come and examine them and make your selection while we are sure to have the style and size just suited to your figure and appearance.



2002
A most becoming Wooltex suit for \$27.50. Distinction is given by the use of bias pieces of the material for trimming of coat and skirt.



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This Wooltex skirt, made in plain and fancy serge in many colors, is priced at \$10. You will readily see how admirably adapted it is for use on many different occasions.

All our outer apparel departments are ready for your inspection. We've received an advance spring merchandise. Make your selection now and avoid the rush at Eastertide.

IN THE DRY GOODS STORE

splendid assortments of New Spring Merchandise are shown on every hand, and now while the variety is so splendid and goods are so new and fresh, is the time to make your selection for warm weather wearables. Let us show you.

Noteworthy Display of Embroideries 5c to \$1.50 per yd.

Thousands of yards are in this display and almost every known variety is shown. Popular priced edgings and insertions, 5c, 8c, 10c, 12½c and 15c per yard are without number. The display of 18, 27 and

up to 45 inch corset cover and flouncing patterns, also all-overs and bandings is all that could possibly be desired from which to make selections.

Silks, Dress Goods, More New Patterns

have been arriving this week and now our showing is positively at its best. Silks are the popular vogue this spring and the demand a little later will be such that supplying the wants of the people will be a serious proposition with manufacturers and jobbers. Take our advice and select your silk dress pattern now. Our 24 to 27 inch fancies are priced from 85c to \$1.50.

Falards, Messalines and Marguerites are the popular silks.

We cannot commend our veil dress goods too highly at this time fully 75 new patterns have been added to our stock, making what is undoubtedly the most conspicuous display of spring dress fabrics to be found in this locality. May we have the pleasure of showing them to you?

All-over Laces, Dozens of Patterns

from 50c to \$4.50 per yard. Every pattern a beauty

at its price, and at every you will find variety enough to suit the most exacting.

New Gingham and Wash Goods

To attempt to describe the wash goods shown at this store is a waste of time and space. The only way to comprehend the beauty and completeness of the lines is to come and have a look for yourself, and we will gladly show you through. At the same time we will take pride in introducing you to the big exhibit of White Goods in the piece. Don't miss it.

HAVE YOU BEEN IN OUR NEW CARPET ROOM?

It's the newest thing in town, and we will be more than pleased to show you the lines we sell.

Room-Size Rugs

A fine variety of new patterns on hand and a lot more will be here before this is in print. Prices on our 9x12 rugs range from \$9.00 to \$27.50, other room-sizes carried in stock up to 11-3x12 ft. Don't miss seeing our rugs before you buy.

Ingrain Carpets

All varieties of all wool and cotton carpets are shown. Our new patterns in all wool ingrain are especially attractive, and the quality we sell is the best obtainable "Lowell." The kind with a square stick in the end.

Wide Linoleums

Some beautiful new patterns are here in Scroll and Floral designs as well as the more conventional figures. We handle only one quality in wide or narrow linoleums, and that is the best that money can buy.

A BIG NEW LINE OF LACE CURTAINS WAS ADDED THIS WEEK. SEE THEM.

See the new
Harem Skirt

in our cloak store
window
State Street

D. W. ROBINSON

Alma, Mich.

The Store That Sells Wooltex

Henderson
Corsets

have captivated the
Ladies of Alma.
Next corset you buy
try a Henderson.

COUNTY ROAD SYSTEM

As Viewed by Taxpayers Benefits to be Derived

TO BE VOTED ON IN APRIL

Whether Gratiot County Adopts County System or Not

The time is fast disappearing when it is necessary to urge the majority of people to build good roads. The problem fast coming to the front is how to build permanent roads at a minimum cost, and after they are built, how to supervise them and maintain them. Both the building and maintenance of roads might be successfully managed by the township highway commissioners if the incumbents of that office were not constantly changing. No sooner is a commissioner educated in the manner of build-

ing and caring for improved roads than his term of office has expired and his successor must learn the work at the expense of the township, when if the old commissioner had been re-elected, much of this extra expense would be avoided and mistakes once made would not be repeated so often as they now are under the township system.

In order to improve this system, it will be readily seen that a larger unit of control must be obtained. Hence, the district was advised, but this system is a small, if any, improvement over the already existing township system and has met with little favor. From the experience of the various counties already under the county system in Michigan and those under the county system in other states it seems that the control and supervision of road construction is best when administered by county officials.

Under the present law in any county adopting the county system for building permanent roads, a board of three commissioners is in the first instance appointed by the board of supervisors or elected at a special or a general election called for that purpose, but, if appointed, they shall hold office only until the first day of May next following their appointment, but all commissioners must be

regularly elected in the spring following the regular sessions of the legislature and shall be elected for a term of two, four and six years respectively, and at the spring election one commissioner shall be elected every two years for the full term of six years.

Each year these commissioners must make their report on the work already accomplished to the board of supervisors and make the estimates of the amount of money necessary to complete proposed work on the new roads and the amount of money necessary for the care and maintenance of roads already built. The amount of tax to be raised for these purposes is allowed by the board of supervisors, which in any county cannot be larger than a three mill tax and in most counties only a two mill tax, and is collected in the same manner as other taxes. The county commissioner cannot contract indebtedness in excess of taxes levied for county road purposes.

The Board of County Road Commissioners take over certain roads, which are to be improved under the county system. These roads are, as long as they are county roads, improved and maintained by the county, thus relieving the township of the care of their trunk line roads, for this is the great object of the county

system, to build trunk line roads between market towns and between the principal cities and villages; that is, to permanently improve the main thoroughfares of travel, gradually extending the system from these main lines to those of lesser importance until the whole country is covered with a network of improved highways.

Townships, in counties under the county system, may still build improved roads the same as now. The county system in no way interferes with that which an individual may do.

Good roads are cheaper than bad ones. Last year \$3,756,321.57 was spent on the wagon roads of this state and it is a safe estimate that seventy-five per cent were spent in repairs upon our common earth roads. Compare this with the work done by the thirty-two counties now under the county system. \$746,039.88 was raised in 1909, and it is estimated that ninety-five per cent of it was used for permanent improvement and only five per cent for repairs. The money in which nearly all the money is used for repairs, or the county system, by which nearly all the money raised by taxes is spent for permanent roads by competent men and the whole people of a county benefited. From which class of road will the average farmer and the city man, everybody receive the

greatest benefit, the permanently improved good road all the year round under the county system, or the patch-work road as the average dirt road that now exists?

TAXPAYER.

TO VOTE ON OPTION

Eighteen Counties to Vote on Local Option This Spring

40 COUNTIES ARE ALREADY DRY

Brewery Men Say Not a Cent Will Be Spent where Elections are to Be Held

Indications are that the present local option battle in eighteen counties of Michigan is to be more a test of local sentiment carried out by wet and dry campaign committees of the counties in the zone of contest than

a pitched battle between the Michigan State Brewers' association and the Michigan Anti-Saloon league, as it was last spring. With the vote less than two weeks off there is little activity at either the wet or dry headquarters in Detroit.

A. E. Gordon, secretary of the brewers' association is quoted as saying that that organization has not sent a dollar into any of the counties that are to vote at the approaching election and will not do so.

The following table shows the counties where local option will be voted upon this spring together with the present status of each county, the year when each last voted on the proposition and the number of saloons and breweries:

County	Status	Present Voted	Saloons	Breweries
Alcona	Dry	1909	32	1
Alpena	Wet	1909	32	1
Benzie	Dry	1909	32	1
Calhoun	Dry	1909	32	1
Cheboygan	Wet	1909	32	1
Clare	Dry	1909	32	1
Emmett	Dry	1909	32	1
Genesee	Dry	1909	32	1
Huron	Wet	1909	32	1
Ionia	Dry	1909	32	1
Iosco	Wet	1909	32	1
Jackson	Dry	1909	32	1

KalamazooWet 1908 57 1
MontcalmWet 1905 21 ..
MontmorencyWet 9 ..
NewaygoDry 1908 ..
SanilacDry 1909 ..
TuscolaDry 1909 ..

At the present time forty Michigan counties are dry, as follows:
Alcona, Allegan, Antrim, Arenac, Barry, Benzie, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Charlevoix, Clare, Clinton, Eaton, Emmett, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Midland, Missaukee, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Osceola, Otsego, Presque Isle, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola and Van Buren.

Miss Phyllis Miller entertained a number of her little girl friends last Saturday afternoon it being her eighth birthday. They gave her a number of small gifts.

W. E. Baker of Saginaw has purchased the photograph gallery of C. E. Horn. Mr. Horn goes to Petoskey, which city he will make his home.

Mrs. Wm. Green of Middleton, who was here visiting her brothers, George and Chester Knight, returned to her home in Middleton Tuesday morning.